

AT NARRAGANSETT PIER.

Opening of a Record Breaking Season—A Fisherman's Trick—Gossip of Gayety and Grandeur by Sea Waves That are Not Sad.

Narragansett Pier, R. I., Special—That the season at the Pier portends to eclipse that of last year is evidenced by the great influx of guests at the various hotels and cottages, and the many new business stands erected. As usual Washington is well represented.

Narragansett Pier, once the home of the Narragansett tribe of Indians, is reckoned one of nature's beauty spots. This, together with its proximity to Newport, America's most fashionable resort, makes it one of the most popular watering places. The trip from New York here, either by way of Stonington, Conn., or Providence, is an ideal trip, the scenery being magnificent. This year, the headquarters of the Washington contingent is located in Marble Hall, though the old Washington Club is still alive at the Jackson Hotel.

Perry Row, the home of the "bon vivants," is not quite filled, though all rooms are engaged except the two occupied last year by the Rounders of New York. There seems to be no inclination on the part of the old timers to take these rooms, for the reason that the hilarity of the past years so reverberates through the walls as to prevent that peaceful slumber which is so necessary after a night at Palatine Hall. The Metropolitan Club, which is located at Marble Hall, has a larger membership this year than ever before. The officers are George Walton, president; J. W. Pettigrew, sergeant-at-arms; James Payne, treasurer and L. C. H. Brawley, secretary and custodian.

There was held at the church last Thursday night a reception which was largely attended. Mr. Robert Wells, of Baltimore, the prime mover in church affairs among the laity is as active as ever in having the regular church service. It is hoped that the entire debt may be paid before the season ends. Revs. Thomas and Holly are here, and there is every reason to believe all will be done to make the services interesting and entertaining. Mr. James Payne and wife are comfortably housed for the entire season. He has been slightly indisposed while here, but is now feeling much better. Mr. Thomas James, of Philadelphia, the popular headwaiter of the Imperial, has taken unto himself a wife since last we saw him, and a happier man is not to be found on the Pier. He always had the reputation of being a generous, kind and affable man, but since the event he even exceeds himself. His employees say there is nothing too nice for you, especially so, if you suggest his good fortune. Mr. Leroy Ferguson, who has been a student at Harvard during the past winter, is back again. The regular dances commenced Wednesday night, with music by the Boston Orchestra.

James Scott, the six year old son of Mr. Ed. Scott, did the neat little trick of travelling from Washington to the Pier without any mishaps. Mrs. Scott is staying with her friend at the Hope Cottage. It is a favorite pastime to fish for flounders, and as usual only some are the lucky fisherman. One evening of last week Mr. Archibald Ray had been landing them rather fast when there came a change in his luck. He became impatient and insisted that he must catch another five pounder in fifteen minutes. No sooner had he said this when a wager was made by two onlookers that he could or could not. Twelve minutes gone and no fish landed, when a large spider crab was caught by one of the fishermen. This attracted the attention of the gentleman who wagered the fish would not be caught in fifteen minutes. No sooner was his back turned, than the fisherman reeled an already landed fish, threw him overboard and hauled in. It was on the gentleman who had watched the crab being landed, and being such a good one, he was allowed to do the honors for the crowd and then he was kindly informed of the little trick. Mr. Carpenter was the winner of the fake wager, but it would hardly be fair to mention who was so nicely taken in. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Anderson, in connection with their laundry have built many new bath houses, with ac-

commodations surpassing those of last year. Mr. F. C. Baxter, of Charleston, S. C., is stopping at Marble Hall, and this year expects to enter Howard University as a medical student. Mr. Alphonzo Harris is again stopping at the Washington Club. His brother, Mr. James T. Harris, established himself in business in Baltimore about a month ago. After leaving here on a trip with a few of his friends, it is the intention of Mr. Alphonzo Harris to associate himself in the drug business with his brother. Mr. Freeman selected for his secretary this season a young man who was trained in the Washington schools. The position is an exceedingly responsible one, and Mr. George Walton fills the place in a satisfactory way. He has the respect of all of the men and in the absence of the headwaiter, he so judiciously manages as not to cause the slightest hitch. Dick Stovall, after his pleasant stay in Washington, has reached here. He is the same old Dick everywhere he lands. He was given a hearty reception by the Washington contingent, which will long be remembered by all present, especially Dick. With the scarcity of ladies here, Tom Johnson seemed to be more than well supplied. Each night he is seen with a different lady. One night on the rocks, the next night on the beach and again on the board walk. He is envied by all who don't happen to be located. It perhaps would pay some one of the unfortunates to borrow his rabbit foot. Mr. John White, who is at Hampton's summer school writes that his seat at the round table is not to be taken, as he will put himself in appearance about the middle of this month. The church has given trolley rides during past years to raise funds to pay its pastor, and to pay on the debt, but this year, if popular demand is heeded it will be sail on Narragansett Bay. If the young ladies in Washington and elsewhere will only reflect that we have no free delivery, and will answer their sweethearts' letters promptly, what a blessing it would be! The postmaster and the secretary accordingly being asked, is there a letter for me? Then think how pleased and thankful the recipient will be. Mr. Mr. Joseph Facile has charge of the bellmen, after having worked at the Matthews for a number of years. He has selected a set of neat, gentlemanly, refined men, and is satisfied that they can't be beat. As usual there is a mascot from each city which is well represented, and ours is a Dear Alphonse. Mr. Alphonso Randall is sure to cause side splitting laughter whenever he is around. We wouldn't be without him. It is the hope of all that we may see him before the public, and that he will remain among us long. Mr. Boston and wife, of Baltimore, are to spend their summer at the Hawkins Cottage.

All mail for The Colored American branch should be addressed to Box 244, Narragansett Pier, R. I. Mr. Robert I. J. Ford, a student in Howard's medical department, arrived Wednesday the 2nd inst. and up to date has gained seven pounds. If he keeps on at that rate, it is safe to say he will rival a certain professor in the school. Mr. William Orme has a position of trust at the Matthews. In his charge are about six men, who seem very well pleased with his management. Mr. Louis Avendorph, who so ably represented the northern newspaper last year, is here for the summer. General Fred Freeman, the headwaiter at the largest hotel here, is always willing to be talked to, but the other day he was kind enough to do a little of the talking himself. Incidentally he mentioned that he was reasonably certain that he had in charge about one hundred of the most gentlemanly, neatest, best appearing men in a dining room. William Beverly, his second man, is just as popular with the men as is the headwaiter. Mr. Ray expects his wife up some time soon, so it is rather dubious about him holding his position as president of the Rectitude Club all of the season.

There is a young man on hand, who has never been a way from home before; the beauties of nature so appeal to him that he has to express himself in verse. Besides, he is willing to allow it to be published. Think of it. Pawnee Cottage, furnished throughout, has been leased for the entire season by Mr. Freeman. It is beautifully situated on Narragansett Avenue. His wife and boy, Master Reginald, are expected about the 18th. Extremely fortunate

will be those invited to spend a while with his happy family in this beautifully situated cottage by the sea. Master Murray, of Baltimore, is our accomplished organist. The choir is as large as is necessary, and do their work harmoniously. The services last Sunday night were so well attended that standing room even was in demand.

The Amphions cars of 20 miles down the river by moonlight July 19th, is just the thing to relieve one from the effects of these hot days.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

Publishing House of A. M. E. Zion Church Destroyed—Covered by Insurance.

It is with much regret that we chronicle the disastrous fire of last week at Charlotte, N. C., which gutted the building on South College street of that city occupied by the A. M. E. Zion Publishing House. The building was a large three-story structure, and was a valuable feature in the business activities of Charlotte.

It seems that after the paper's out-of-town edition had been mailed, a smoldering fire in the top floor of the building burst into fierce flames and practically destroyed the contents of the building. There was a splendid outfit of type, presses and furniture, besides a store of paper and books on hand. The total insurance on the building and contents is \$12,250. Insurance was held in these companies: Underwriters of Greensboro, \$2,000; Southern Loan and Trust Company of Greensboro, \$2,500; Northern Insurance Company of London, \$1,150; Rochester German of Rochester, \$1,200; Royal Exchange Assurance of London, \$1,000; Southern Stock Mutual of Greensboro, \$3,000; California Insurance Company, \$3,000. Of the total amount \$9,250, was carried on the printing plant, and \$3,000 on the building, guaranteeing the church against serious loss, aside from time and inconvenience. Several church papers and periodicals were issued from the establishment including the Star of Zion, the Zion Quarterly Review and the Varick Christian Endeavor. Arrangements have been made for publishing them outside, until the building can be again put into shape for occupancy. The Zionists have our fullest sympathy.

Saturday is the day; July 19th, the date; 8 o'clock, the hour; 25 cents, the price; the River Queen, the boat.

Dr. and Mrs. West's Compliments.

Dr. and Mrs. Charles I. West gave an informal dance Wednesday night of last week to the following ladies and gentlemen, who composed the assistants at their recent wedding: Misses Mattie Bruce, Janie Williams, Laura G. Arnold, Alexine Montague, Louise K. Smallwood, Hattie Curtis, Mamie Shepherd, Lula Love and Janie Page. Messrs. Charles Brown, Benjamin Washington, Berkley C. Waller, Dr. C. S. Wormley, Dr. Ralph Stewart, Dr. W. S. Lofton, Thomas H. Carter, Wm. Fossett, Dr. M. O. Dumas and Dr. Albert Ridgley.

Our Public Schools.

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painting, raffia, embroidery, cord work, knitting and crocheting are taught.

Miss Anita Turner, the new directress of physical culture, is a graduate of the Harvard School of Gymnasts.

One of the most valuable assistants at the Armstrong Manual Training School is Mr. Francis DeS. Smith, instructor in chemistry.

To-day at 9 a. m. Mrs. Anna J. Murray, Secretary of the National Kinder-

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garden Association, will speak at Hampton Institute on "The Education Value of Play." Mr. John A. Chamberlain, Director of Manual Training, will be the speaker Saturday morning, July 26, subject: "The Value of Manual Training."

The colored members of the Board of Education have important assignments on the standing committees. Mrs. Francis is chairman on industrial education and special instruction, and a member of the committees on text books and Normal and High Schools and scholarships. Mr. Bundy is chairman on rules and by-laws and a member of the committees on ways and means and supplies, teachers and janitors and sanitary.

The attendance of Washington teachers at the Hampton Summer Normal and Negro Conference this year promises to break all records. About sixty have already gone. The Normal is now in session and the conference is scheduled for July 16, 17 and 18, in Cleveland Hall, Institute Grounds. Leaders in the various discussions on business, labor, vital and sanitary problems, education, Negro farms, religion and ethics, domestic science, condition of women and general statistics embrace the best scholars of the race. Dr. H. B. Frissell is chairman of the committee on reception and entertainment.

HIP, HIP, HURRAH!

We believe in giving credit to whom credit is due, and for this reason we say three cheers for THE COLORED AMERICAN of Washington, D. C., for its get-up and get in journalism. It deserves the patronage of the people all over the country.—The Rock Hill Messenger.